

SEVIER RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
ANNUAL WATER USERS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES, 1991

ATTENDING:

Lee Sim
John Larsen
~~Stan Adams~~
Kirk Forbush
Terry Monroe
Roger Stanworth
Sheldon Proctor
Phill Nielson
Roger Walker
Jim Walker
Ray J. Owens
Virge Brown
Afton Blood
Lee Malmgren
Sheldon H. Talbot
Clark J. Wall
Roger Hansen

REPRESENTING:

Water Rights
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Central Utah Water Dist.
Sevier Water Users
Bureau of Reclamation

The meeting commenced January 24, 1991, at 10:00 a.m. Roger Stanworth brought the meeting to order. Roger Hansen gave a report of the four year Sevier River Management Study. Beginning January 11, 1991, a different satellite will be used. Therefore, information is more available because of the new satellite. It is proposed to have a down-link at the commissioners home to make the system user friendly this summer. Roger has converted the computational work to the computer for the river commissioner. It is proposed to test this software this summer to check the accuracy of the model. A water quality model on the lower Sevier River is being worked on. This will be in place this spring. Lee Sim mentioned in a letter from Winn Walker regarding a modification to the river commissioner annual report. Virge Brown asked Roger if the daily flow rates would be available for review and the answer was that it will be available in addition to other information.

Kirk Forbush read minutes of the 1990 meeting. A motion was made by Sheldon Proctor and seconded by Virge Brown to accept the minutes as read. The motion carried. Lee Sim read the 1990 financial report. The amounts expended for 1990 were reviewed. Roger Stanworth suggested travel expense be separated for the two river commissioners in the upcoming budget. Delinquent accounts were explained. Avery Irrigation Company, Springhill Irrigation Company, Cougar Ridge Ranch, etc. Virge Brown thought the Spring Hill Irrigation Company delinquency was an oversight and that another bill sent will take care of the problem. A motion was made by Dwight Malmgren and seconded by Phil Nielson to accept the financial report as read. The Motion carried.

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Ray Owens gave his commissioners' report. He discussed storage in each reservoir and that snowpack is 83% of normal. The water measurement station below Piute reservoir is causing problems because of its inaccuracy. Intake to the station freezes up. Also, the Vermillion dam project is not complete and passing large quantities past the diversion is a problem. Roger Stanworth asked if the Marshall Ditch, Vee Hatch and Yardley Diversion stations have been set up. Ray indicated that monies have not been available to get them completed. Water through these diversions are 2.0 to 5.0 cfs.

Jim Walker gave his commissioners report. Figures for storage were reported. The calculations for the river system were reviewed. Snowpack looks like summer storage will be minimal. Jim reviewed the advantages of Piute moving water down early. He indicated that the gaging station needs maintenance work. Jim commented that accuracy at this station is in question. Roger Stanworth and Virge Brown suggested that work needed to be done to keep the river system working. Ray Owens estimated that work at the Piute station would cost about \$2500.00 to fix. Phil estimated the cost at the Lyndall Station at \$6000.000 to repair and get in operation. Virge Brown commented that it cost \$15000.00 for work on a wier below the Otter Creek Reservoir last year. Jim talked like matching funds may be available. Virge Brown made a motion for the river commissioner to get cost estimates for repairs on these two stations and make them available for the irrigation company meetings. Phil Nielson seconded the motion and it carried. Roger Stanworth and Lee Sim expressed their appreciation for the good work of the river commissioners.

Dwight Malmgren made the motion and Afton Blood seconded to accept the river commissioners' report as read. The motion carried.

Ray Owens reviewed the agenda of the water user workshop in St. George coming up March 4, 5, and 6, 1991. Roger Stanworth thought that Ray and Jim should attend the workshop.

The motion was made by Sheldon Proctor and seconded by Afton Blood to increase the commissioners salary 3% and pay the increased cost of insurance. The motion carried. It was agreed that travel stay at \$17000.00 and not separate the amounts for each commissioner in the budget. The motion was made by Sheldon Proctor and seconded by Phil Nielson to set the 1991 budget at \$95000.00 and leave the reserves as they are. A motion was made by Virge Brown and seconded by Dwight Malmgren to recommend to the State Engineer that Ray Owens and Jim Walker remain as river commissioners for 1991. The motion carried. Roger Stanworth requested that a monthly report on mileage be submitted from the commissioners.

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Sheldon Talbot reviewed work being done by the Central Utah Water Project on the following items:

- Engineering for the Sevier Regulating Reservoir
- Study on workable exchange applications upstream from Piute Reservoir
- Hatch Town dam study
- Land class specifications above Piute Reservoir
- Sevier River salinity study

A motion was made by Phil Nielson and seconded by Virge Brown to have the salinity studies coordinated between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Central Utah Water Project. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Afton Blood and seconded by Roger Stanworth to support the studies being conducted on the Sevier River. Motion carried. Virge Brown wanted to know when the study on the exchange applications above Piute would be complete. Sheldon Talbot indicated that one of the studies is partially complete. Roger Stanworth wondered where the water would come from to fill a Hatch Town dam. Sheldon explained that these studies will detail these questions.

Roger Stanworth requested a copy of the assessment roles be sent annually to the DMADC Irrigation Companies.

Lee Sim explained changes on gatemans' salary payment period. Payment periods are now consistent and mistakes will be minimal. Also, new committee members after elected, need to be reported to the State Engineer's office.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.